

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON JUNE 16, 2021
(Approved July 21, 2021)

The Planning Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Present for the meeting were Walter Woessner, Kathryn Alexis, Lance Parson, and Larry Tietjen. Paul Lacon was absent. Also present were Mark Hosterman, Township Solicitor and Rick Tralies, Township Planner.

Mr. Woessner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge was recited.

AGENDA

Mrs. Alexis made a motion to accept the agenda as it stands. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

MINUTES

Mr. Parson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented for May 19, 2021. Mrs. Alexis seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

No Subdivision and Land Development.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Review of Draft Ordinance – Permitted Projections into Required Yards

Mr. Hosterman made the changes that were previously requested by the Planning Commission. Mr. Woessner made a motion to recommend the Board of Supervisors authorize advertising of the Ordinance. Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Discussion of the Comprehensive Open Space Plan Update for Limerick Township

Mr. Tralies discussed the letter he had prepared in regards to the Comprehensive Open Space Plan Update for Limerick Township. He doesn't see anything that will overly affect East Coventry Township. Mr. Tralies had a few comments in his letter which were that the official map shows the trail on Linfield Road on the wrong side considering where the pedestrian crossing is on the existing bridge and suggest they consider changing it on the map; suggest showing all of the Schuylkill River Trail in East Coventry Township because they may want to make connections to it and they only show a segment of it in the plan; the appendix has a copy of the sign in sheet from the public meeting which shows names, addresses and email addresses and Mr. Tralies comment was that people may not want their email addresses in the plan. Mr. Tralies will send the letter back to Mr. Kraynik and let him know the Planning Commission is good with it to be sent to Limerick Township.

Discussion re: Growing Greener Revised Draft Ordinances

There was clarification that the tracked changes of the Growing Greener Revised Draft Ordinance were sent to the members by email and the clean version is in their packets. Mr. Tralies stated all changes that Ms. Brown had suggested have been incorporated. Mrs. Alexis went over her concern regarding the setback for the garage. A discussion ensued. Mr. Woessner went over his concerns of the Ordinance pertaining to density, and accessory dwelling units and driveways. A further discussion ensued. Mr. Tralies will make revisions discussed tonight and send a copy of the draft Growing Greener Ordinances to Mr. Hosterman and Mr. Flaharty for their review.

In regards to font sizes on drawings, Mr. Woessner will put together some examples of fonts and they will vote on the size at a future meeting.

Northern Federation Update

Nothing to report at this time.

Historical Commission Update

Mr. Tietjen stated they have two new additions to the team.

Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee

Mr. Tietjen has been attending meetings through Zoom, otherwise nothing to report at this time.

Subdivision Buildout

Mr. Parson asked Mr. Tralies how long Whispering Woods has to replant all the trees and shrubs that have died. Mr. Tralies stated he did inspections in late April/early May and gave Whispering Woods a report of what needs to be replanted which they are going to try to do in the fall. Whispering Woods hasn't dedicated yet so technically they have as long as they want. Mr. Parson stated they also have a lot of remedial work to do on the trail. Mr. Woessner asked about the existing dead trees in the open space. Mr. Tralies said approximately a year ago he sent a letter to Ms. Brown regarding the dead tree situation who in turn called the developer at that time. Mr. Woessner stated they never came out to remove the dead trees. Mr. Hosterman stated they would need to contact them again.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Alexis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Kutsch
Secretary